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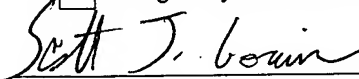
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-12 and 15 are currently pending in this application. To further the prosecution of this application, each of the rejections in the Office Action is discussed below and the application as presented is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as purportedly being anticipated by Morikawa. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In Applicant's response of August 30, 2006, Applicant noted that the Office Action of May 30, 2006 asserted that the sorting stacking units 210 and 230 of Morikawa are initial sorting regions. See Office Action, ¶3, page 2. Applicant pointed out that each sorting stacking unit in the system of Morikawa corresponds to, or receives mail from, a different mail supplying unit (col. 5, lines 25-